

SECTION I: AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 17, and 21, and add new claims 22-23 as set forth in the following complete listing of the claims of the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method of encoding a signal ~~for execution by an encoding device~~, the method comprising:

utilizing an encoding device to determine ~~determining~~ frequency and amplitude information of at least one sinusoidal component in the signal;

utilizing the encoding device to transmit ~~transmitting~~ sinusoidal parameters representing the frequency and amplitude information; and

utilizing the encoding device to transmit ~~transmitting~~ a phase jitter parameter representing an amount of phase jitter that should be added during restoring the sinusoidal component from the transmitted sinusoidal parameters.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the phase jitter parameter is transmitted approximately together with the sinusoidal parameters at a first instance of a track.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a phase jitter parameter is transmitted for a given group of sinusoidal components, which sinusoidal components have harmonically related frequencies.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

utilizing the encoding device to determine ~~determining~~ a difference between a phase of the sinusoidal component and a predicted phase, which predicted phase is calculated from the transmitted sinusoidal parameters and a phase continuation requirement; and

utilizing the encoding device to derive ~~deriving~~ the phase jitter parameter from said difference.

5. (Currently amended) A method of decoding an encoded signal for execution by a decoding device, the method comprising:

utilizing a decoding device to receive ~~receiving~~ sinusoidal parameters representing frequency and amplitude information of at least one sinusoidal component;
utilizing the decoding device to restore ~~restoring~~ the at least one sinusoidal component from the sinusoidal parameters;
utilizing the decoding device to receive ~~receiving~~ a phase jitter parameter; and
utilizing the decoding device to add ~~adding~~ an amount of phase jitter to the sinusoidal component, which amount of phase jitter is derived from the phase jitter parameter.

6. (Previously presented) An audio coder device comprising:

means for determining frequency and amplitude information of at least one sinusoidal component in the signal;
means for transmitting sinusoidal parameters representing the frequency and amplitude information;
and
means for transmitting a phase jitter parameter representing an amount of phase jitter that should be added during restoring the sinusoidal component from the transmitted sinusoidal parameters.

7. (Previously presented) An audio player device comprising:

means for receiving an encoded signal representative of a sound recording, the encoded signal including sinusoidal parameters representing frequency and amplitude information of at least one sinusoidal component;
means for restoring the at least one sinusoidal component from the sinusoidal parameters;
means for receiving a phase jitter parameter; and
means for adding an amount of phase jitter to the sinusoidal component, which amount of phase jitter is derived from the phase jitter parameter.

8. (Previously presented) An audio system comprising the audio coder device of claim 6.

9-10 (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) An audio system comprising the audio player device of claim 7.

12 (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) An audio coder device comprising:

a coding unit that is configured to determine frequency and amplitude information of at least one sinusoidal component in a sound signal and at least one phase jitter parameter associated with the at least one sinusoidal component; and

a multiplexer that is configured to provide an output that includes sinusoidal parameters that represent the frequency and amplitude information and a phase jitter parameter that represents an amount of phase jitter that should be added during restoring the sinusoidal component from the transmitted sinusoidal parameters.

14. (Previously presented) The device of claim 13, wherein the phase jitter parameter is transmitted together with the sinusoidal parameters at a first instance of a track.

15. (Previously presented) The device of claim 13, wherein the phase jitter parameter is transmitted for a given group of sinusoidal components that have harmonically related frequencies.

16. (Previously presented) The device of claim 13, wherein the coding unit is configured to determine the phase jitter parameter based on a difference between a phase of the sinusoidal component and a predicted phase that is calculated from the sinusoidal parameters and a phase continuation requirement.

17. (Currently amended) An audio player device comprising:

a receiver that is configured to receive an encoded signal that includes sinusoidal parameters representing frequency and amplitude information of at least one sinusoidal component of a sound recording, and at least one phase jitter parameter associated with the at least one sinusoidal component;

a synthesizer that is configured to restore the at least one sinusoidal component from the sinusoidal parameters, and to adjust the at least one sinusoidal component based on the at least one phase jitter parameter to yield at least one adjusted sinusoidal component; and

an output unit that is configured to provide an output that includes the at least one adjusted sinusoidal component.

18. (Previously presented) A computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program that, when executed by a processor, causes the processor to:

determine frequency and amplitude information of at least one sinusoidal component in the signal, and at least one phase jitter parameter associated with the at least one sinusoidal component, and

provide an output that includes sinusoidal parameters that represent the frequency and amplitude information and a phase jitter parameter that represents an amount of phase jitter that should be added during restoring the sinusoidal component from the transmitted sinusoidal parameters.

19. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 18, wherein the phase jitter parameter is provided for a given group of sinusoidal components that have harmonically related frequencies.

20. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 18, wherein the computer program causes the processor to determine the phase jitter parameter based on a difference between a phase of the sinusoidal component and a predicted phase that is calculated from the sinusoidal parameters and a phase continuation requirement.

21. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program that, when executed by a processor, causes the processor to:

receive an encoded signal that includes sinusoidal parameters representing frequency and amplitude information of at least one sinusoidal component of a sound recording, and at least one phase jitter parameter;

synthesize the at least one sinusoidal component from the sinusoidal parameters, and to adjust the at least one sinusoidal component based on the phase jitter parameter to yield at least one adjusted sinusoidal component; and

provide an output that includes the at least one adjusted sinusoidal component.

22. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the coding device comprises a coding unit and a multiplexer.

23 (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the decoding device comprises a receiver and a synthesizer.